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SUBJ: BYRD AMENDMENT REPEAL: ZAMBIAN REACTION

- 1. CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEE ACTION TO REPAL THE BYRD AMENDMENT WAS FRONT PAGE NEWS IN TIMES OF ZAMBIA MARCH 4 AND RECEIVED PROMINENT COVERAGE IN DAILY MAIL. BOTH PAPERS NOTED THAT SENATE AND HOUSE ACTION IS PRELUDE TO FINAL STEP OF REPEALING THE AMENDMENT.
- 2. TIMES EDITORIAL COMMENT SAW THE MOVE TO REPEAL THE BYRD AMENDMENT AS A CLASSIC CASE OF TOO LITTLE TOO LATE. BYRD AMENDMENT HAD GIVEN SMITH REGIME A NEW LEASE ON LIFE. AFTER US ACTION TO VIOLATE UN SANCTIONS, OTHERS FELT FREE TO DO LIKEWISE. AS LONG AS SMITH HAD THIS VISIBLE EVIDENCE OF US SUPPORT, HE FELT NO ONE COULD FORCE HIM INTO ANYTHING. REPEAL OF THE BYRD AMENDMENT NOW WILL NOT MAKE ANY DIFFERENCE AS FAR AS THE SURVIVAL OF THE SMITH REGIME IS CONCERNED. SMITH'S FATE WILL BE DECIDED BY THE ARMED STRUGGLE.

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